

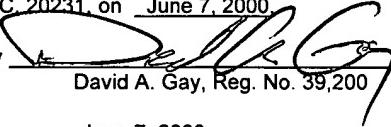


PATENT
Our Docket: P-IX 2405

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1644**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
William D. Huse
Serial No.: 08/790,540
Filed: January 30, 1997
For: ANTI- $\alpha_v\beta_3$ RECOMBINANT
HUMAN ANTIBODIES,
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING
SAME AND METHODS OF USE

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed
December 7, 1999, entry of the following amendments and
consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Four Times Amended) A LM609 CDR-grafted antibody
exhibiting selective binding affinity to $\alpha_v\beta_3$ comprising at least
one LM609 CDR-grafted heavy chain polypeptide comprising a
variable region amino acid sequence [having greater than 88%